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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as set forth below and consider the following remarks:

In the Claims:

Please replace the pending claims with the following:

19.   (Amended) A method for determining the presence or amount of a nucleic acid molecule in a sample, said nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

i)   a mature form of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24;

ii)   a variant of a mature form of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24 wherein any amino acid in the mature form of the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 15% of the amino acid residues in the sequence of the mature form are so changed;

iii)   the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24;

iv)   a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24, in which any amino acid specified in the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 15% of the amino acid residues in the sequence are so changed;

v)   a nucleic acid fragment encoding at least a portion of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24 or any variant of said polypeptide wherein any amino acid of the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 10% of the amino acid residues in the sequence are so changed; and